

House Resolution 1048 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Millar of the 79th, Coleman of the 97th, Jones of the 46th, Williams of the 4th, and Holmes of the 61st

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Market-Demand Skills Education in High Schools;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, based on statistics of the Georgia Department of Labor, minority youth
4 unemployment (ages 16-19) in this state is 41.9 percent and Caucasian youth unemployment
5 in this state is 21.7 percent; and

6 WHEREAS, the international youth unemployment rate in the world's industrialized
7 countries is 13.7 percent; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, the City of Atlanta is among the ten
9 cities in the country with the highest youth unemployment; and

10 WHEREAS, there has been found to be a direct correlation between high youth
11 unemployment and high youth crime; and

12 WHEREAS, an increase in the number of skilled workers in this state can also impact and
13 improve this state's economic development; and

14 WHEREAS, to encourage youth to complete high school and to obtain meaningful skills that
15 can enable them to obtain worthwhile jobs, a growing number of states have passed
16 legislation to implement programs to teach market-demand skills in high schools for students
17 opting not to go to college; and

18 WHEREAS, market-demand skills vary from community to community, but can include
19 areas such as automotive technology (motor and body repair), computer technology,
20 construction trades (carpentry, electric, heating and air conditioning, masonry, plumbing,

1 roofing), health care technology (CT scan, MRI), and hospitality (culinary arts, hotel
2 management); and

3 WHEREAS, a study of the issues surrounding the feasibility and usefulness of implementing
4 a market-demand skills program in grades 10 through 12 in the public high schools in this
5 state to address youth unemployment and to improve this state's economic development
6 would be beneficial to determine whether legislative action should be recommended.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
8 there is created the House Study Committee on Market-Demand Skills Education in High
9 Schools to be composed of five members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
10 appoint five members of the House of Representatives as members of the committee and
11 shall designate one of such members as chairperson. The committee shall meet at the call
12 of the chairperson.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
14 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
15 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
16 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
17 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
18 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The legislative members of the
19 committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
20 Code of Georgia Annotated. All other funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this
21 resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The
22 expenses and allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member
23 of the committee for more than three days unless additional days are authorized. In the event
24 the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
25 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2006. The
26 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.